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KSDK-TV - Wash U geochemist: Fire & radioactive particles collide at landfill - 1/30/14 - There's new information about the West Lake Landfill and the underground fires causing so much concern in our area. For the first time, Washington University geochemist Bob Criss says there is no doubt the fire has collided with radioactive particles.

<http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2014/01/29/west-lake-landfill-radioactive-particles-colliding/5046071/>

WNAX RADIO - Iowa Attorney General Says EPA Has No Authority To Reduce RFS Volumes - 1/30/14 - Tuesday was the deadline for comments on EPA's RFS volume requirement proposal for 2014. Under the agency proposal the volumes of ethanol blended into gasoline was reduced from the original RFS mandate of 14.4 billion gallons. Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller says based upon his interpretation of the law, EPA does not have the authority to drop those volume requirements.

<http://wnax.com/news/180081-iowa-attorney-general-says-epa-has-no-authority-to-reduce-rfs-volumes/>

The Gazette - Iowa State engineering group continues work on biofuel despite EPA regulations - 1/30/14 - On the day feedback ends for an important Environmental Protection Agency energy draft, a group of faculty and students at Iowa State University announced an update to a possible solution which conflicts with the draft's limitations, all surrounding the issue of biofuel.

<http://thegazette.com/2014/01/30/iowa-state-engineering-group-continues-work-on-biofuel-despite-epa-regulations/>

UPI - House GOP wants EPA answers on Keystone XL - 1/30/14 - Republican leaders said they want to know what ties the federal regulators have with environmental groups opposed to the Keystone XL pipeline.

http://www.upi.com/Business_News/Energy-Resources/2014/01/30/House-GOP-wants-EPA-answers-on-Keystone-XL/UPI-12881391082885/?spt=rln&or=2

Iowa Farmer Today - RFS defended at 'hearing in the heartland' - 1/30/14 - They called it the hearing in the heartland. The Jan. 23 meeting in the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates was aimed at sending a message to federal officials who are taking comments regarding proposed rule changes to the renewable fuels standard (RFS).

http://www.iowafarmertoday.com/news/crop/rfs-defended-at-hearing-in-the-heartland/article_b42433b0-8920-11e3-8544-001a4bcf887a.html

Iowa Farmer Today - Branstad 'encouraged' EPA may back off on RFS modifications - 1/30/14 -
One day after a pro-ethanol hearing in Iowa, Gov. Terry Branstad told members of the state's Partnership for Economic Partnership board he was "a little more encouraged" the EPA could modify or rescind its proposed changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).

http://www.iowafarmertoday.com/news/crop/branstad-encouraged-epa-may-back-off-on-rfs-modifications/article_46567d88-8921-11e3-b1ec-001a4bcf887a.html

St. Louis American - Environmentalists criticize EPA's Bridgeton Landfill tests - 1/29/14 - The EPA Region 7 on Jan. 8 "quietly" released results from their tests for radioactive material at the West Lake/Bridgeton landfill, west of Interstate 270 on St. Charles Rock Road. The Missouri Coalition for the Environment advocacy group has been urging the EPA to be more transparent regarding the agency's plan to build a landfill "isolation barrier" – which is meant to keep a smoldering underground fire from contacting the radioactive wastes illegally dumped at the West Lake landfill in 1973, said Ed Smith, safe energy director for the coalition.

http://www.stlamerican.com/news/local_news/article_90000dfe-8922-11e3-8214-001a4bcf887a.html

WNAX RADIO - ACE Submits Comments On EPA RFS Volume Obligations - 1/30/14 - The Environmental Protection Agency has a big job now reviewing all of the comments on their RFS volume obligation proposal. The Comment period ended Tuesday and American Coalition for Ethanol Executive Vice President Brian Jennings says pro renewable supporters registered their displeasure with the proposal.

<http://wnax.com/news/180081-ace-submits-comments-on-epa-rfs-volume-obligations/>